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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Name Description
AOC Area of Concern

ERM Consulting & Engineering, Inc.

FAC Facultative OBL Obligate

Pan Am Pan Am Railways
PEM Palustrine emergent

Plan Wetland Restoration and Creation Plan

Site Iron Horse Superfund Site

SWCA Environmental Consultants

1. INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Pan Am Railways (Pan Am) (formerly Boston and Maine Corporation), ERM Consulting & Engineering, Inc. (ERM) has prepared this Wetland Monitoring Report for the Iron Horse Superfund Site (Site) Area of Concern (AOC) 3. This report was prepared in accordance with the *Wetland Restoration and Creation Plan* (Plan) and documents the results of field investigations, observations, and actions taken during calendar year 2020 (Monitoring Year 2).

The Site is in North Billerica, Massachusetts and is part of a 553-acre industrial complex that dates back to 1913 (USEPA 2018). The Site consists of rail yard facilities, landfills, and wastewater lagoons. AOC 3 is approximately 4 acres on the southwest portion of the Site. AOC 3 contains two former Boston and Maine locomotive shop disposal areas (AOC 3A and 3B; USEPA, 2018). The area is bordered by railroad tracks (owned by Boston and Maine) to the north and west. There is a large parking lot and a FedEx package facility to the south, and an upland forested area to the east. A National Grid overhead power line traverses the northern, eastern, and western boundaries.

Remediation at AOC 3 included capping the landfill and restoring the wetlands. Pan Am completed remediation activities, including wetland restoration and planting, in June 2019.

The newly restored wetlands at the Site are required to be monitored during Monitoring Years 1, 2, and 3 and then again during Monitoring Years 5, 7, and 10. Section 5 of the Plan outlines the requirements for long-term monitoring; success standards are summarized in Table 1. This report documents wetland monitoring field investigations and results for 2020 (Monitoring Year 2).

2. WETLAND CONSTRUCTION AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Pan Am restored-in-place approximately 10,250 square feet of wetlands, permanently impacted 285 square feet of wetlands, and converted 35,580 square feet of upland into wetlands at AOC 3. Following final grading, native trees, shrubs, and emergent herbaceous vegetation were planted in specified locations to favor the development of palustrine emergent (PEM), scrub shrub (PSS), and palustrine forested wetlands (PFO) (Appendix A, Figure 2).

The Plan established five performance goals to evaluate the wetland restoration and creation (Table 1). Table 2 outlines the wetland monitoring schedule for the Site. This table pertains to AOCs 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 within Operable Unit 3. As of 2020, monitoring has only been initiated at AOC 3.

Table 1: Wetland Mitigation Performance Goals

Category	Performance Goal
Vegetation Coverage: Areal coverage of non-invasive wetland plant species	75% cover within two full growing seasons (except deepwater marsh PEM wetlands in AOC 1)
Vegetation Richness: Number of volunteer native wetland species added per year	2 species added in Monitoring Years 2, 3 and 5 of post-construction monitoring
Hydrology Indicators ^a	Evidence of one primary indicator or two secondary indicators of hydrology in three of the first five years post-construction during the growing season
Tree Height: Increase in height of woody species each year with milestone goals	The average height of all woody stems of tree species including volunteers in each sampling plot, must increase by not less than an average of 10% per year by the fifth (Year 5 following construction) and tenth (Year 10 following construction) monitoring years. Trees shall be at least 5 feet or taller in total height after 10 years.

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Category	Performance Goal
Survivability: Number of planted woody species that survive	80% of each of the approved planted woody species healthy and surviving in Year 5 of post-construction monitoring

^a Primary and secondary indicators used will be from the list in the most recent Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual (USACE 2012).

Table 2: Wetland Mitigation Area Inspection and Monitoring Schedule for AOC 3

Monitoring Year	Spring Inspection	Summer Inspection	Areal Vegetation Coverage	Vegetation Richness	Hydrology Indicators	Tree Height	Woody Vegetation Survivability	Soil Evaluation	Agency Report
2019 (Monitoring Year 1)	Final Restoration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
2020 (Monitoring Year 2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
2021 (Monitoring Year 3)	Yes	Yes	No (If goal is met)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
2022 (Monitoring Year 4)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2023 (Monitoring Year 5)	Yes	Yes	No (If goal is met)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2024 (Monitoring Year 6)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2025 (Monitoring Year 7)	Yes	Yes	No (If goal is met)	No (If goal is met)	No (If goal is met)	Yes	No (If goal is met)	No	Yes
2026 (Monitoring Year 8)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2027 (Monitoring Year 9)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2028 (Monitoring Year 10)	Yes	Yes	No (If goal is met)	No (If goal is met)	No (If goal is met)	Yes	No (If goal is met)	No	Yes

3. WETLAND MONITORING METHODOLOGY, RESULTS, AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

As described in Section 5 of the Plan, wetland areas must be inspected at least two times during the growing season in Monitoring Years 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10 (ERM, 2012). ERM conducted the late spring 2020 monitoring event at AOC-3 on 2 June 2020. The late summer monitoring occurred on 18 and 23 September 2020. Monitoring activities included monitoring vegetation plots, analyzing vegetation coverage, documenting evidence of hydrology, walking the wetland mitigation area to create an ongoing list of species present, and quantifying tree survivability within the vegetation plots. Additional activities included photographing the Site from established photo stations, and identifying the location and density of invasive species.

3.1 Areal Vegetation Coverage

In 2019, ERM set up four long-term representative sampling plots within the wetland mitigation area of AOC 3. Each plot was marked with a permanent center stake. Due to the elongated shape of the mitigated wetland area, dimensions of each plot were modified to remain within the designated wetland type. All plots maintained an equivalent area to the 15-foot and 30-foot plot radiuses in accordance with the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region* (USACE, 2012). These same plots were used during the 2020 monitoring events and will be continue to be used in future monitoring. The forms used to record the vegetation coverage, as well as evidence of hydrology, are typically used to conduct a formal wetland delineation in accordance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requirements. However, a formal delineation was not conducted, and the forms were used merely for their convenience to record vegetation observations and evidence of hydrology for the monitoring event.

Two of the plots (2A and 2D) are within the restored PEM wetland, plot 2B is in the PSS wetland, and plot 2C is in the PFO wetland. A summary of the total areal coverage by non-invasive wetland species per plot is provided in Tables 3 and 4. However, one particular species requires additional confirmation. The species identified during the 2019 Wetland Report as common barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*) is often seen as an early colonizer of recently constructed wetlands. But it typically will die off in subsequent growing seasons as it has an indicator status of facultative (FAC) and often can't tolerate sustained wetness. Since this species returned and continues to be a dominant species in AOC 3, additional species identification is required to determine if the species in question is *Echinochloa crus-galli* or if it's the closely related and native American barnyard grass (*Echinochloa muricata*), which has an indicator status of facultative wetland (FACW) and can tolerate wetter conditions. If it is the native species, three of the four plots would meet the areal coverage performance goal (Table 3). If it is the non-native and invasive barnyard grass, then none of the four plots would meet the performance based on the 2020 data (Table 4).

In addition to the dominance of barnyard grass, the high water level in the wetlands, presumably due at least in part to the beaver (*Castor canadensis*) dam (see more description of the beaver activity in Section 3.3), has also impacted the amount of vegetation coverage in between the hummocks.

Table 3: 2020 Areal Coverage by Native Wetland Vegetation by Sampling Plot, Assuming American Barnyard Grass (*Echinochloa muricata*)

Wetland Mitigation Area	Vegetation Sampling Plot	Trees (%)	Shrubs/ Saplings(%)	Herbs (%)	Vines (%)	Absolute Cover (%) ¹	75% Goal Met
PEM	2A	0	2	81.5	0	83.5	Yes
PSS	2B	0	0.5	88	0	88.5	Yes
PFO	2C	0	1	76	0	77	No
PEM	2D	1	0	64	0	65	No

PEM = palustrine emergent; PFO = palustrine forested; PSS = scrub shrub

Table 4: 2020 Areal Coverage by Native Wetland Vegetation by Sampling Plot, Assuming Non-native Common Barnyard Grass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*)

Wetland Mitigation Area	Vegetation Sampling Plot	Trees (%)	Shrubs/ Saplings(%)	Herbs (%)	Vines (%)	Absolute Cover (%) ¹	75% Goal Met
PEM	2A	0	2	1.5	0	3.5	No
PSS	2B	0	0.5	23	0	23.5	No
PFO	2C	0	1	26	0	27	No
PEM	2D	1	0	24	0	25	No

PEM = palustrine emergent; PFO = palustrine forested; PSS = scrub shrub

3.1.1 Corrective Actions

If the barnyard grass dominant at the Site is definitely identified in 2021 as the native *Echinochloa muricata*, then no corrective actions will be taken to reduce the population in AOC 3 wetlands. If it is identified as the invasive *Echicnochloa crus-galli*, then corrective actions will be identified to reduce the dominance of this species and increase the coverage of non-invasive wetland species to meet this performance goal. Possible corrective actions could include herbicide treatment of the barnyard grass, re-seeding the area with a native wetland seed mix, and/or planting additional wetland plugs of species anticipated to tolerate the amount of inundation observed within the AOC 3 wetlands.

3.2 Vegetation Richness

Vegetation richness refers to the number of native facultative (FAC), facultative-wet (FACW), or obligate (OBL) native plant species in the wetland. Volunteer species are those that were not planted or seeded, but colonized the area as part of natural revegetation. The Site meets the performance goal if at least two new native wetland plant species are observed in the wetlands in monitoring Years 2, 3 and 5.

In 2020, ERM scientists conducted meander surveys within the wetland mitigation area to identify additional plant species. ERM identified eight new plant species, six of which were FACW or OBL (Table 5). Four of these species, small-spiked false nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrical*), cursed crowfoot (*Ranunculus sceleratus*), New England aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*) and common boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), are considered volunteer species, while the remaining two wetland species were included in

¹ Absolute cover of non-invasive wetlands species.

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the seed mix. With six new non-invasive wetland plant species identified in 2020, this performance goal was met for the Year 2 milestone established.

Table 5: Comprehensive List of Vegetative Species Observed in the Wetland Areas of AOC 3 (Year 2)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status ^{a, b}	Origin	Year first Identified
Acer negundo	boxelder	FAC	Planned	2019
Acer rubrum	red maple	FAC	Planned	2019
Alnus incana	speckled alder	FACW	Planned	2019
Asclepias incarnata	swamp milkweed	OBL	Planned	2020
Bidens frondosa	devil's beggar-ticks	FACW	Planned	2019
Bidens cernua	nodding beggar-ticks	OBL	Volunteer	2019
Boehmeria cylindrica	small-spiked false nettle	OBL	Volunteer	2020
Cyperus esculentus	yellow nutsedge	FACW	Volunteer	2019
Echinochloa crus-galli	large barnyard grass ^d	FAC	Volunteer	2019
Eleocharis obtusa	blunt spikesedge	OBL	Volunteer	2019
Erechtites hieraciifolius	American burnweed	FACU	Volunteer	2020
Eupatorium perfoliatum	common boneset	FACW	Volunteer	2020
Glyceria striata	fowl manna grass	OBL	Volunteer	2019
Ipomoea hederacea	ivy-leaved morning-glory d	FAC	Volunteer	2019
Juncus effusus	common softrush	OBL	Planned	2019
Lemna minor	common duckweed	OBL	Volunteer	2019
Lythrum salicaria	purple loosestrife ^c	OBL	Volunteer	2019
Oenothera biennis	common evening-primrose	FACU	Volunteer	2020
Panicum spp.	panic grass	FACW	Volunteer	2019
Persicaria lapathifolia	dock-leaf smartweed	FACW	Volunteer	2019
Phragmites australis	common reed ^c	FACW	Volunteer	2019
Pontederia cordata	pickerelweed	OBL	Planned	2019
Robinia pseudoacacia	black locust ^c	FACU	Volunteer	2019
Ranunculus sceleratus	cursed crowfoot	OBL	Volunteer	2020
Salix nigra	black willow	OBL	Planned	2019
Sambucus nigra	black elderberry	FACW	Planned	2019
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani	softstem bulrush	OBL	Volunteer	2019
Setaria faberi	chinese foxtail d	FACU	Volunteer	2019
Setaria pumila	yellow bristle grass ^d	FAC	Volunteer	2019
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England aster	FACW	Volunteer	2020
Typha latifolia	broadleaved cattail	OBL	Volunteer	2019

Scientific Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status ^{a, b}	Origin	Year first Identified
Vernonia noveboracensis	New York ironweed	FACW	Planned	2020

^{*} FACU= Facultative-upland; FAC = facultative; FACW = facultative-wet; OBL = obligate

3.3 Hydrology Indicators

Indicators of hydrology provide visual evidence of soil saturation and inundation necessary to support a functioning wetland. Each of the four wetland areas were investigated for the potential presence of primary or secondary hydrological indicators as defined in the Supplement (USACE, 2012). Despite drought conditions prevailing in 2020, all plots contained primary indicator A1, surface water, during the late summer and spring inspections. This indicator requires observation of flooding or ponding in the area (Supplement; USACE 2012). ERM observed the deepest surface water in plot 2A and measured depths of up to 12 inches. The results for each plot are documented on the forms provided in Appendix D. There was significantly more flooding observed in late summer 2020 than in 2019 or during the spring 2020 monitoring event. ERM determined the cause was a beaver dam that impounded the stream channel along the southern boundary of AOC-3A. Standing water in all plots contained floating algae mats as well as common duckweed. A summary of wetland hydrology indicators is provided in Table 6. ERM informed EPA of the beaver dam after the inspection to coordinate its removal to prevent further flooding or ponding within AOC 3. Upon a site inspection with EPA's consultant, AECOM, in November 2, 2020, the beaver dam was observed to have been removed. It was not removed as part of the Site activities.

Table 6: Wetland Hydrology Indicators by Sampling Plot Late Summer 2020

Plot	Hydrological Indicator
2A	Surface water (A1), Saturation (A3), Water Marks (B1)
2B	Surface water (A1), Saturation (A3), Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
2C	Surface water (A1), Saturation (A3), Water Marks (B1)
2D	Surface water (A1), Saturation (A3), Algal Mat or Crust (B4)

Based on the observation of sufficient hydrology in both years 2019 (Year 1) and 2020 (Year 2), this hydrology performance goal is on a trajectory towards being met if sufficient hydrology is observed during at least one more growing season prior to, or in, 2023.

3.4 Survivability and Tree Heights

Survivability refers to the number of planted woody species that survive. As described in the Plan, the survivability performance goal requires that at least 80 percent of the approved planted woody species survive at Year 5 of post-construction monitoring. To determine survivability, the Plan requires ERM to count the number of native planted woody species and volunteer woody species in the long-term monitoring plots. In addition, the Plan also requires the total tree height be measured during the first, fifth, seventh, and tenth years of monitoring within the established permanent sampling plot. The average height of all woody stems of tree species must increase at least 10 percent annually by the fifth (Year 5

^b State of Massachusetts 2016 Wetland Plant List (USACE 2016)

^c Listed as an invasive plant species by the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group (Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group 2005)

^d Non-native species (USDA 2019)

^e Bolded font indicates the species was first observed in 2020. Highlighted plants indicate species first observed in 2020, are FAC or wetter species and are used to determine performance goal progress.

following construction) and tenth (Year 10 following construction) monitoring years. Tree heights were not required to be measured in 2020; however, the survivability goal results and potential corrective actions will also influence the tracking of tree heights.

As reported in the 2019 Wetland Report, ERM located and counted planted trees and shrubs in the longterm monitoring plots in 2019 to establish the baseline against which future years would be compared (Table 7). Plantings were located in plot 2A, plot 2B and plot 2C. Plot 2D is located in the PEM wetland and did not contain any planted trees or shrubs, however Plot 2D does contain an overhanging red maple branch from the adjacent forest. This affected the areal coverage of the plot, but since the tree is outside of the constructed wetland, no tree layer is considered present.. While a survivability assessment was not required in 2020, ERM wetland scientists documented the status of the woody plantings within each of the plots to determine if they were on a trajectory towards meeting the goal. Out of 36 trees observed in the long term monitoring plots in 2019, 33 percent (12) were determined to have survived in 2020 (Table 7). Significant damage from beaver foraging and dam building resulted in mortality of planted woody species throughout AOC 3. Many of the woody plants were observed to be completely felled and removed by the beavers, while others sustained girdling damage. ERM found the remains of several of the planted trees used as part of construction of the nearby beaver dam. Plot 2A had the highest survivability, which was calculated to be 80 percent. This was despite the inundation that resulted from the beaver dam. No direct beaver damage was observed in Plot 2A. Plot 2B was observed to have missing woody shrubs, possibly due to the beaver activity. Plot 2C sustained the most notable beaver damage with 13 trees not surviving. Many of these trees were completely removed or girdled. Gnaw markings on the bark and the cut patterns were characteristic of beaver activity.

Table 7: Survivability of Native Woody Species within the Long-Term Monitoring Plots

Scientific Name	Common Name	Indicator Status	Design	2019 Baseline ^a	Number Observed Healthy in 2020	2020 Survivability ^b
			Plo	ot 2A		
Alnus incana	Speckled alder	FACW	Planted	5	4	80%
			Plot 2	A Sub Total		80%
			Plo	ot 2B		
Alnus incana	Speckled alder	FACW	Planted	6	0	0%
Sambucus nigra	Black elderberry	FACW	Planted	4	1	25%
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood	FAC	Planted	1	0	0%
			Plot 2	B Sub Total		9.1%
			Plo	ot 2C		
Acer rubrum	Red maple	FAC	Planted	3	0	0%
Acer negundo	Boxelder	FAC	Planted	11	5	45%
Unknown °	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	1	0	0%
Salix nigra	Black willow	OBL	Planted	5	2	40%

Plot 2	C Sub Total		35%
Overall	36	12	33%ª

^a Numbers originally located in plot were identified in 2019 as a baseline. Survivability in 2020 was calculated based on 2019 baseline.

3.4.1 Corrective Actions

To help the constructed wetlands achieve the first survivability goal in Year 5 (2023), the water elevations and beaver activity will continue to be observed in AOC 3 during 2021. In the event that beaver activity resumes, and additional trees and shrubs are damaged or killed by the beavers, then several options for action will be discussed with EPA, including proper removal of the beavers (that have not been observed on this site for at least a decade), installation of a beaver deceiver (or similar device) to avoid the construction of another dam that will cause prolonged flooding in the AOC 3 wetlands, and/or installation of protection devices such as fencing or caging around surviving plants. Once the water elevations have stabilized or are better understood based on beaver activity, a re-planting event will be planned. Planting would not occur without a more complete understanding of the influence of the beaver activity on the water elevations since water elevations will dictate the species selected for the re-planting event. As of the writing of this report, re-planting is anticipated to occur in spring 2022, after detailed observations and possibly beaver control measures are implemented in calendar year 2021.

Periodic site visits will be scheduled in the first half of 2021 to observe water elevations and beaver activity in the wetlands within AOC 3. A summary of findings and recommended corrective actions is anticipated to be provided to EPA in early summer 2021.

3.5 Photographic Stations

During both the spring and late summer 2020 inspections, ERM revisited each of the photographic stations established in 2019 and took photographs in the same directions as taken in 2019. The 2020 late spring photographic log is included in Appendix B and late summer photographic log is included in Appendix C. Photographs from 2020 show the progression of the wetland as it matures, with new species evident in the photographs, and documentation of the various microhabitats present across the AOC 3 wetlands.

3.6 Invasive Species

As described in the Plan, the risk of colonization of invasive species is high, particularly purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and common reed (*Phragmites australis*). During the late spring 2020 monitoring event, ERM observed common reed, purple loosestrife, black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), and glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*). Scattered, loose colonies of purple loosestrife were observed in the vicinity of plot 2B, and south of Photo Station 2. A colony of common reed (30-40 stems) was located in the central portion of the site. In upland areas outside the wetland along the southern berm, ERM observed multiflora rose and glossy buckthorn. These two species were located outside the wetland. In the surrounding areas east of the Site, large concentrations of common

^b Weighted Average

^c This unknown plant was identified in 2019 and was confirmed to have been planted during restoration activities based on the presence of a biodegradable weed barrier that encircles the base. A biodegradable weed barrier was placed around all planted woody species. The plant was too weathered to make a confident identification. However, since it was confirmed to be planted, it was necessary to include it for the calculation of overall survivability.

FAC = facultative; FACW = facultative-wet; OBL = obligate

reed are still present. The berm appears to still function as a barrier, reducing the spread of common reed into the restored wetland.

To control the extent of invasive species, ERM supervised an herbicide treatments/application performed by SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) on 31 August 2020. Two SWCA technicians, equipped with backpack sprayers, spot-treated the invasive species observed within the constructed wetlands in AOC 3. In total, SWCA applied 7 gallons of mixed herbicide solution.

3.6.1 Corrective Actions

During the 2020 late summer monitoring event, the extent of invasive plants was greatly reduced from observations noted in spring 2020. However, due to the high risk of colonization of invasive species in AOC 3, ERM recommends an herbicide application in summer 2021 to prevent invasive species from outcompeting native species.

4. CONCLUSION

ERM conducted Year 2 Site monitoring in 2020 at AOC 3, and two of the five wetland mitigation performance goals are on track to being met: vegetation richness and hydrological indicators. In the event that the *Echinochloa* species is definitively identified as the native *Echinochloa muricata*, then the 75% areal coverage goal would be met as of 2020. If the species is still dominating the landscape in AOC 3 and is confirmed to be the invasive *Echinochloa crus-galli*, then additional corrective actions will be proposed to help achieve the areal coverage performance goal. Due to the uncertainly around the anticipated water levels in the AOC 3 wetlands, beaver activity will also be observed during 2021 to determine whether actions are required to stabilize water elevations.

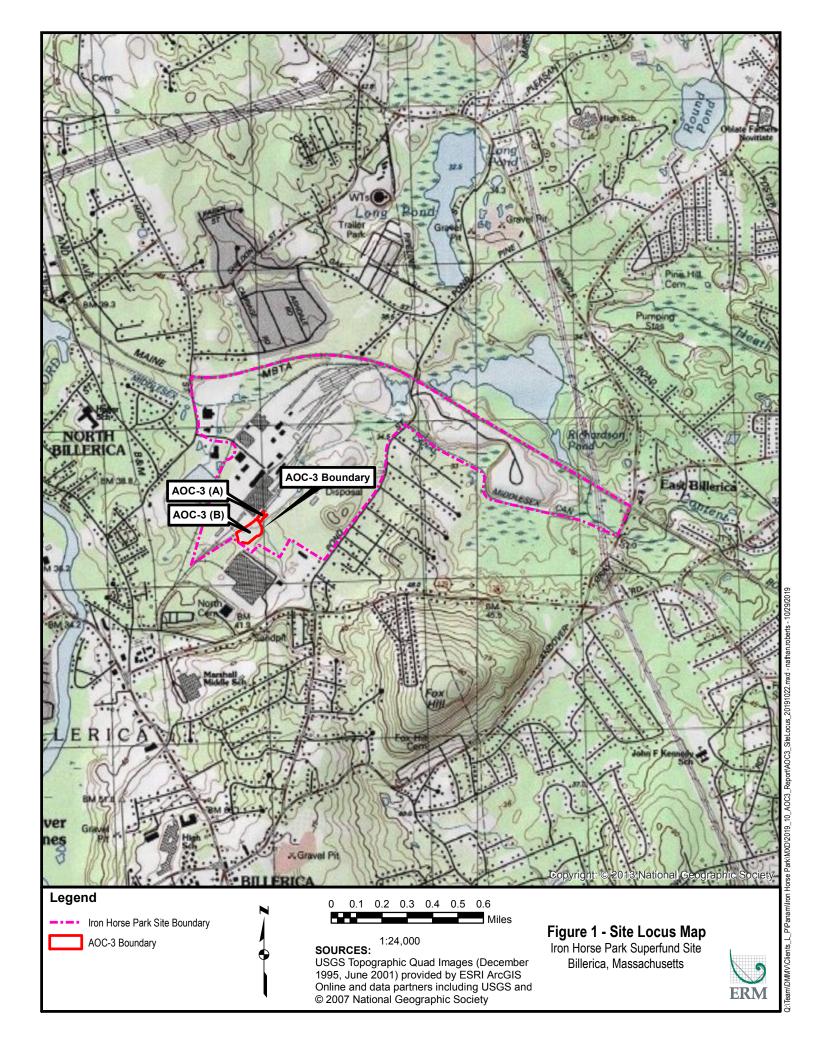
Monitoring will continue in 2021 (Monitoring Year 3).

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APPENDIX A FIGURES





APPENDIX B PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG



Photo Station 1 Facing Northeast



Photo Station 1 Facing South





Photo Station 2 Facing North



Photo Station 2 Facing East





Photo Station 2 Facing South



Photo Station 3 Facing East





Photo Station 3 Facing Southeast



Photo Station 3 Facing Southwest





Photo Station 4 Facing Northeast



Photo Station 5 Facing North





Photo Station 5 Facing East



Photo Station 5 Facing Southeast



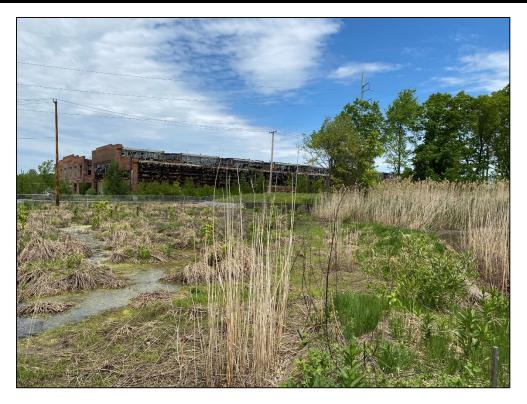


Photo Station 6 Facing North



Photo Station 6 Facing South





Photo Station 6 Facing West



Photo Station 7 Facing Southwest





Photo Station 7 Facing West



APPENDIX C LATE SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHIC LOG



Photo Station 1 Facing East



Photo Station 1 Facing Southeast





Photo Station 2 Facing North



Photo Station 2 Facing East





Photo Station 2 Facing South



Photo Station 3 Facing East





Photo Station 3 Facing Southeast



Photo Station 3 Facing Southwest





Photo Station 4 Facing East



Photo Station 5 Facing Northeast





Photo Station 5 Facing East



Photo Station 5 Facing Southeast





Photo Station 6 Facing North



Photo Station 6 Facing South



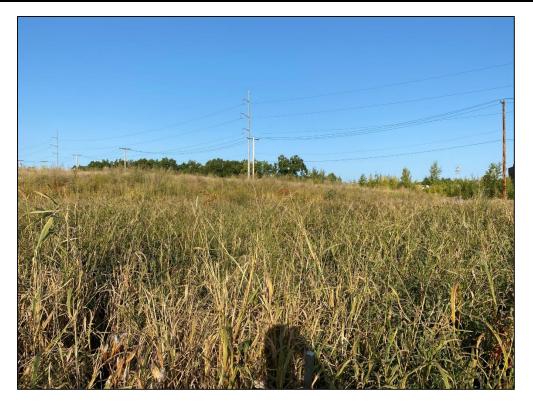


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APPENDIX D WETLAND DATASHEETS

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Project/Site: Iron Horse F	ark (AOC-	3)	City/C	County: Bille	rica, Middle	esex County	Sampling Date:	9/23/2020		
Applicant/Owner: Pan Am F	Railways					State: MA	_ Sampling Pol	int: 2A		
Investigator(s): Evan Ehrli	•									
Landform (hillslope, terrace, e					-					
Subregion (LRR or MLRA):	•	•								
Soil Map Unit Name: <u>Freeto</u>										
Are climatic / hydrologic condi								ooigiiou. i Liiij		
								No. V		
Are Vegetation X, Soil _						Circumstances" p		NO <u>X</u>		
Are Vegetation, Soil _	, or Hyd	rology	naturally problem	atic? (If needed, e	xplain any answer	s in Remarks.)			
SUMMARY OF FINDING	GS – Attac	ch site m	nap showing san	npling poir	nt locatio	ns, transects,	important f	eatures, etc.		
Hydrophytic Vegetation Pres	sent?	res X	No	Is the Samp	oled Area					
Hydric Soil Present?			No	within a We	etland?	Yes X	_ No	-		
Wetland Hydrology Present?			No	If yes, option	nal Wetland	Site ID:				
Remarks: (Explain alternativ		here or in	a separate report.)			·				
HYDROLOGY										
Wetland Hydrology Indicat	ors:					Secondary Indicat	ors (minimum o	f two required)		
Primary Indicators (minimum		uired: chec	k all that apply)			Surface Soil (-			
X Surface Water (A1)			Water-Stained Leave			Drainage Patt				
High Water Table (A2)			Aquatic Fauna (B13)			Moss Trim Lir				
X Saturation (A3)			Marl Deposits (B15)			Dry-Season Water Table (C2)				
Water Marks (B1)			Hydrogen Sulfide Od			Crayfish Burrows (C8)				
Sediment Deposits (B2)			Oxidized Rhizospher	res on Living F	Roots (C3)	Saturation Vis	sible on Aerial In	nagery (C9)		
Drift Deposits (B3)			Presence of Reduce			Stunted or St	,	01)		
X Algal Mat or Crust (B4)		_	Recent Iron Reduction		` ,	Geomorphic F				
Iron Deposits (B5)	,		Thin Muck Surface (0			Shallow Aquit				
Inundation Visible on Ae			Other (Explain in Rer	marks)		Microtopograp	, ,			
Sparsely Vegetated Cor Field Observations:	icave Surface	(B8)				FAC-Neutral	lest (D5)			
Surface Water Present?	Yes X	No	Depth (inches): 12	2 inches						
Water Table Present?			Depth (inches): n							
Saturation Present?			Depth (inches): n		Wetland H	ydrology Present	? Yes <u>X</u>	_ No		
(includes capillary fringe) Describe Recorded Data (str	ream gauge, r	nonitoring v	well, aerial photos, pre	evious inspect	ions), if avai	lable:				
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Remarks:										
Higher than average su	rface water of	due to bea	over activity.							
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<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>12x18x30x60ft</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?		Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>None</u>				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: (A)
2.				
3.				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:(B)
4				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: (A/B)
5				
6				Prevalence Index worksheet:
7				Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
		= Total Cov	er	OBL species x 1 =
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 12'x18'x30'x60')				FAC species x 2 =
Speckled Alder (Alnus incana)	2	Yes	<u>FACW</u>	FAC species x 3 = FACU species x 4 =
2				UPL species x5 =
3				Column Totals: (A) (B)
4				
5				Prevalence Index = B/A =
6				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
7				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
		= Total Cov	ver	2 - Dominance Test is >50%
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 12'x15'x15'x18')				3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹
	80	Yes	FAC	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Pickerelweed (Pontederia cordata)			OBL	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)
·			OBL	
	0.5			¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must
4				be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
5				Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
6				Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter
7				at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
8				Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH
9				and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
10				Herb - All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless
11				of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
12				Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in
	81.5	= Total Cov	er	height.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)				
1				
2.				
3				Hadran barta
				Hydrophytic Vegetation
4				Present? Yes No
Demontrar (Include photo numbers have as an accounted		= Total Cov	er	
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate Woody Vegetation :	sneet.)			
Species Status				
Speckled alder Survived				
Speckled alder Survived Speckled alder Survived				
Speckled alder Survived				
Speckled alder Not Survived				
No Browsing damage observed				

Sampling Point: 2A

IL rofile Description: (Describe to the de	onth mandad to decur	nant tha indicates	ar confirm	the channes o	Sampling P	OITIL ZA
epth Matrix	-	x Features	or commi	the absence o	i indicators.)	
nches) Color (moist) %	Color (moist)	% Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Rema	rks
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		. <u> </u>				
ype: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, R	M=Reduced Matrix, MS	S=Masked Sand G	rains.	² Location:	PL=Pore Lining, Ma	=Matrix.
ydric Soil Indicators:					or Problematic Hyd	
_ Histosol (A1)	Polyvalue Belov	w Surface (S8) (LR	R R,	2 cm Mu	ck (A10) (LRR K, L	., MLRA 149B)
_ Histic Epipedon (A2)	MLRA 149B)			Coast Pi	airie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)
_ Black Histic (A3)		ace (S9) (LRR R, N			cky Peat or Peat (S	
_ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)		Mineral (F1) (LRR I	(, L)		rface (S7) (LRR K,	
_ Stratified Layers (A5)	Loamy Gleyed				e Below Surface (S	
_ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	Depleted Matrix				k Surface (S9) (LR	
Thick Dark Surface (A12)	Redox Dark Su				nganese Masses (F	
_ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	Depleted Dark				nt Floodplain Soils (
Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) Sandy Redox (S5)	Redox Depress	ions (Fo)			oodic (TA6) (MLRA ent Material (F21)	144A, 145, 149
Stripped Matrix (S6)					allow Dark Surface	(TF12)
Dark Surface (S7) (LRR R, MLRA 14	9B)				xplain in Remarks)	(11 12)
	02)			00. (2	Apiam in Romanio)	
ndicators of hydrophytic vegetation and	wetland hydrology mus	st be present, unles	s disturbed	or problematic.		
estrictive Layer (if observed):						
Type:						
				Hvdric Soil P	resent? Yes	No
Depth (inches):				,		
emarks:						
Soils not observed during the secon	nd monitoring year (2	2020).				

Project/Site: Iron Horse Park	(AOC-3)		City/C	county: Biller	rica, Middlesex	County	Sampling Date:	9/18/2020		
Applicant/Owner: Pan Am Rai	lways				;	State: MA	_ Sampling Poi	nt: <u>2B</u>		
Investigator(s): Evan Ehrlich.	Hannah Buckle	ev	Section	on, Township	, Range:					
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc										
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LF	_									
Soil Map Unit Name: Freetow										
Are climatic / hydrologic conditi										
			-					No. V		
Are Vegetation X, Soil X	-		-					NO <u>X</u>		
Are Vegetation, Soil SUMMARY OF FINDING	-				•	lain any answers	,	naturos oto		
SOMMAN OF FINDING				· • ·		s, transects,	important ie	atures, etc.		
Hydrophytic Vegetation Prese	· · · · — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —			Is the Samp		Yes Y	No			
Hydric Soil Present?		s No_								
Wetland Hydrology Present? Remarks: (Explain alternative		s X No		If yes, optio	nal Wetland Si	ite ID:				
HYDROLOGY										
Wetland Hydrology Indicate	ors:				Se	econdary Indicat	ors (minimum of	two required)		
Primary Indicators (minimum		ed: check all tha	t apply)			-	-	two required/		
X Surface Water (A1)	or one is requir		Stained Leave			Surface Soil Cracks (B6) Drainage Patterns (B10)				
High Water Table (A2)			c Fauna (B13)			Moss Trim Lines (B16)				
X Saturation (A3)			eposits (B15)			Dry-Season Water Table (C2)				
Water Marks (B1)			gen Sulfide Od	or (C1)		_ Crayfish Burro				
Sediment Deposits (B2)		Oxidize	ed Rhizospher	es on Living F	Roots (C3)	_ Saturation Vis	sible on Aerial Im	nagery (C9)		
Drift Deposits (B3)		·	nce of Reduced	` '		_ Stunted or Str	ressed Plants (D	1)		
X Algal Mat or Crust (B4)		·	t Iron Reductio		. ,	_ Geomorphic F				
Iron Deposits (B5)	:		uck Surface (C	•	·	_ Shallow Aquit	, ,			
 Inundation Visible on Aer Sparsely Vegetated Cond			Explain in Rer	narks)	_	_ Microtopograp _ FAC-Neutral ?	, ,			
Field Observations:	ave Surface (L	90)			_	_ FAC-Neutral	Test (D3)			
Surface Water Present?	Yes X 1	lo Depth	(inches): 2-4	inches						
Water Table Present?		lo Depth								
Saturation Present?		lo Depth			Wetland Hyd	Irology Present	? Yes X	No		
(includes capillary fringe) Describe Recorded Data (stre	om goligo mo	nitoring well as	ial photos pro	vious inspect	iona) if availal	hlo:				
Describe Recorded Data (site	am gauge, mo	nitoring well, ae	iai priotos, pre	vious inspect	ions), ii avallal	bie.				
Remarks:										

EGETATION – Use scientific names of plants	; .			S	Sampling Point: 2B			
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 43x30x20x27)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?		Dominance Test worksh				
1. <u>None</u>				Number of Dominant Spec That Are OBL, FACW, or I				
2.								
3.				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:				
4				Percent of Dominant Spec That Are OBL FACW, or I	ies FAC: (A/l			
5					(, , ,			
6				Prevalence Index worksl	neet:			
7					Multiply by:			
		= Total Cov	/er	OBL species				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 43x30x20x27)				FACW species				
1. Black elderberry (Sambucus nigra)	0.5	Yes	FACW	FAC species				
2				FACU species				
3				UPL species				
4				Column Totals:	(A) (E			
5.				Prevalence Index =	B/A =			
6				Hydrophytic Vegetation	Indicators:			
				1 - Rapid Test for Hyd				
7				2 - Dominance Test is	· · ·			
	0.5	= Total Cov	/er	3 - Prevalence Index i	s ≤3.0 ¹			
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)				4 - Morphological Ada	ptations ¹ (Provide supporti			
Barnyard Grass (Echinochloa colona)		<u>Yes</u>			r on a separate sheet)			
2. Broadleaved Cattail (Typha latifolia)	10	No	OBL	Problematic Hydrophy	rtic Vegetation¹ (Explain)			
3. Nodding Beggars Tick (Bidens cernua)	10	No	OBL	Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology m				
4. American burnweed (Erechtites hieraciifolius)	5	No	FACU	be present, unless disturbe				
5. <u>Dock-leaved smartweed (Persicaria lapathifolia)</u>	5	No	FACW	Definitions of Vegetation	Strata:			
6. Common evening-primrose (Oenothera biennis)	1	No	FACU	Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diame				
7. Common soft rush (Juncus effusus)			OBL	Tree – Woody plants 3 in. at breast height (DBH), re				
8. Black locust (Robinia pseudoacacia)	1	No	FACU	Sanling/shrub — Woody n	plants less than 3 in DRH			
	1		OBL	Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. Di and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.				
10. yellow bristle grass (Setaria pumila)	0.5	No	FAC	Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, reg				
11. Common reed (Phragmites australis)			FACW	of size, and woody plants				
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		INO	TACW	Woody vines – All woody	vines greater than 3.28 ft i			
12		T-1-1-0		height.	rines greater than size it.			
	100	= Total Cov	/er					
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)								
1								
2								
3				Hydrophytic				
4				Vegetation Present? Yes	No			
		= Total Cov	/er	Tresent.				
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate	sheet.)							
Species Status								
Black elderberry Survived								

SOIL Sampling Point: 2B Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) Redox Features Depth Matrix % Type¹ Loc² Texture (inches) ¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains. ²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix. **Hydric Soil Indicators:** Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³: Histosol (A1) Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR R, ___ 2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B) ___ Histic Epipedon (A2) ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R) MLRA 149B) ___ Black Histic (A3) Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR R, MLRA 149B) ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, R) __ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR K, L) ___ Dark Surface (S7) (LRR K, L) Stratified Layers (A5) Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L) Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) ___ Depleted Matrix (F3) _ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L) ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12) ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6) Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, R) ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7) ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) ___ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149B) ___ Redox Depressions (F8) ___ Mesic Spodic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149B) ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) ___ Sandy Redox (S5) ___ Red Parent Material (F21) Stripped Matrix (S6) Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) ___ Dark Surface (S7) (LRR R, MLRA 149B) Other (Explain in Remarks) ³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. Restrictive Layer (if observed): Type: _ Hydric Soil Present? Yes _ Depth (inches): _ Remarks: Soils not observed during the second monitoring year (2020).

Project/Site: Iron Horse Par	k (AOC-3)		City/	County: Bille	erica, Middl	esex County	Sampling Date:	9/18/2020		
Applicant/Owner: Pan Am Ra	ailways					State: MA	Sampling Poin	nt: <u>2C</u>		
Investigator(s): Evan Ehrlich										
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc										
Subregion (LRR or MLRA): L										
Soil Map Unit Name: Freeto										
Are climatic / hydrologic conditi								<u></u>		
Are Vegetation X, Soil 2								No. Y		
								NO <u>X</u>		
Are Vegetation, Soil SUMMARY OF FINDING								atures, etc.		
				Is the Sam			-			
Hydrophytic Vegetation Prese Hydric Soil Present?			No No		-	Yes X	No			
Wetland Hydrology Present?			No	If ves. optic	onal Wetland	Site ID:				
Remarks: (Explain alternative Higher than average surface	ce water due	to beav	er activity. The site					icted as part		
of remediation of a landfill.	The restorat	ion was	completed in June	2019. The ye	ear 2020 is	considered Mo	nitoring Year 2.			
1										
HYDROLOGY										
Wetland Hydrology Indicato	ors:					Secondary Indica	ators (minimum of	two required)		
Primary Indicators (minimum		ired; che	ck all that apply)			Surface Soil Cracks (B6)				
X Surface Water (A1)	•		Water-Stained Leav			Drainage Patterns (B10)				
High Water Table (A2)			- _ Aquatic Fauna (B13			Moss Trim Lines (B16)				
X Saturation (A3)			Marl Deposits (B15)			Dry-Season Water Table (C2)				
X Water Marks (B1)			_ Hydrogen Sulfide O			Crayfish Burrows (C8)				
Sediment Deposits (B2)			Oxidized Rhizosphe		Roots (C3)					
Drift Deposits (B3)				-		Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)				
Algal Mat or Crust (B4)			Recent Iron Reducti	, ,			Position (D2)	,		
Iron Deposits (B5)			Thin Muck Surface (Shallow Aqu				
Inundation Visible on Aer	ial Imagery (E	37)	Other (Explain in Re			Microtopogra	, ,			
Sparsely Vegetated Cond			- \ '	,		FAC-Neutral				
Field Observations:										
Surface Water Present?	Yes X	No	Depth (inches):6	inches						
Water Table Present?	Yes	No	Depth (inches):							
Saturation Present?	Yes X	No	Depth (inches):		Wetland H	ydrology Preser	nt? Yes <u>X</u>	No		
(includes capillary fringe) Describe Recorded Data (stre	am gauge, m	onitoring	well, aerial photos, pr	evious inspec	tions), if avai	lable:				
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Remarks:										

7 0 (0) (0) (0) (0) (0) (0)	Absolute		Indicator	Dominance Test worksheet:
<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>35x50x35x10</u>)	% Cover	Species?	Status	Number of Dominant Species
1. None			· ——	That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: (A)
2				Total Number of Dominant
3		<u> </u>		Species Across All Strata: (B)
4				Percent of Dominant Species
5				That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: (A/B)
6.				
				Prevalence Index worksheet:
7				Total % Cover of: Multiply by:
		= Total Co	ver	OBL species x 1 =
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 35x50x35x10)				FACW species x 2 =
Box Elder (Acer negundo)	0.5	<u>Yes</u>	FAC	FAC species x 3 =
2. Black Willow (Salix nigra)	0.5	Yes	OBL	FACU species x 4 =
3				UPL species x 5 =
4.				Column Totals: (A) (B)
				Prevalence Index = B/A =
5				
6				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
7				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
	1	= Total Co	ver	2 - Dominance Test is >50%
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>15x20x15x10</u>)				3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0¹
barnyard grass (Echinochloa crus-galli)	50	Yes	FAC	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
Dock leaved smartweed (Persicaria lapathifolia)			FACW	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)
<u> </u>				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must
4. small-spiked false nettle (Boehmeria cylindrica)	1	<u>No</u>	OBL	be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
5				Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
6				Tree Meady plants 2 in (7.6 cm) or more in diameter
7				Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.
8				
				Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.
9		. ———		
10				Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.
11				
12				Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.
	81	= Total Co	ver	Tieigrit.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:				
1				
2				
3			. ——	Hydrophytic
4		.		Vegetation Present? Yes No
		= Total Co	ver	
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate				
Significant beaver (Castor canadensis) activity, mos (Acer rubrum) were impacted. Entire stems were rei				Acer negundo), black willow (Salix nigra) and red ma
(Acer rubrum) were impacted. Entire stems were rei Species: Status:		tne beaver ecies:	r and otnei Status	
Box elder Survived	Un	known	Not Su	ırvived
Black willow Survived Box elder Not Survived		ack willow nknown		ırvived ırvived
Box elder Survived		ox elder	Surviv	
Unknown Not Survived				
		ack Willow		
Unknown Not Survived Unknown Not Survived	Во	lack Willow ox elder nknown	Surviv	

Sampling Point: 2C

Depth	Matrix	•	Redox	x Features				·
(inches)		% (Color (moist)	<u>%</u>	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks
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			_					
								-
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	oncentration, D=Depletion	i, RM=Re	duced Matrix, MS	s=Masked	Sand Gra	ains.		: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.
Hydric Soil I	ndicators:						Indicators	for Problematic Hydric Soils ³ :
Histosol	(A1)	_	Polyvalue Below	v Surface ((S8) (LRF	RR,	2 cm M	fuck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B)
Histic Ep	ipedon (A2)		MLRA 149B)				Coast I	Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)
Black His			Thin Dark Surfa	ce (S9) (L	RR R. MI	RA 149B)		flucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, R)
	n Sulfide (A4)		Loamy Mucky M					urface (S7) (LRR K, L)
	Layers (A5)		Loamy Gleyed N			, –,		lue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L)
	l Below Dark Surface (A1	1)	Depleted Matrix					ark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)
		')						
	rk Surface (A12)		Redox Dark Sur		- \			anganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, R)
	ucky Mineral (S1)		Depleted Dark S		7)			ont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149B)
	leyed Matrix (S4)		Redox Depressi	ions (F8)				Spodic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149B)
Sandy R	edox (S5)						Red Pa	arent Material (F21)
Stripped	Matrix (S6)						Very S	hallow Dark Surface (TF12)
Dark Sur	face (S7) (LRR R, MLRA	(149B)					Other (Explain in Remarks)
	, , , ,	,						,
³ Indicators of	hydrophytic vegetation a	nd wetlan	d hydrology mus	t he nrese	nt unless	disturbed	or problematic	
	ayer (if observed):	ina wetian	a riyarology mas	t bo proso	int, dilicot	distarbed	T problematio	•
Restrictive L	ayer (ir observed):							
Туре:			=					
Depth (inc	hes).						Hydric Soil	Present? Yes No
			=					
Remarks:								
Soils not ob	oserved during the secon-	d monitori	ng year (2020).					

Project/Site: Iron Horse Park	(AOC-3)		City/C	County: Bill	erica, Midd	lesex County	_ Sampling Date	e: <u>9/18/2020</u>		
Applicant/Owner: Pan Am R	ailways		State: <u>MA</u> Sampling Point: <u>2D</u>							
	r(s): <u>Evan Ehrlich, Hannah Buckley</u> Section, Township, Range:									
andform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): <u>Drainage</u> Local relief (concave, convex, none): <u>Concave</u> Slope (%): <u>0</u>										
	or MLRA): <u>LRR R</u> Lat: <u>42.578500</u> Long: <u>-71.266596</u> Datum: Decimal De									
Soil Map Unit Name: Freetov										
Are climatic / hydrologic condit								oogn. r <u>Livi</u>		
								No. V		
Are Vegetation X, Soil	-									
Are Vegetation, Soil							ers in Remarks.)			
SUMMARY OF FINDING	SS – Attac	h site n	nap showing san	npling poi	nt locatio	ns, transect	s, important	features, etc.		
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes X No Is the Sampled Area					pled Area					
Hydric Soil Present?			No	within a W	etland?	Yes X	No	_		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Y	'es X	No	If yes, option	onal Wetland	Site ID:				
Remarks: (Explain alternative	e procedures	here or in	a separate report.)							
Higher than average surface	ce water due	to beave	er activity. The site o	consists of v	vetland and	upland areas	that were cons	tructed as part		
of remediation of a landfill.										
	THE TESIOIA	lion was	completed in June 2	2019. THE ye	cai 2020 is	considered ivi	orintoring rear z	••		
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HYDROLOGY										
Wetland Hydrology Indicate	ors:					Secondary Indi	cators (minimum	of two required)		
Primary Indicators (minimum	of one is requ	ired; chec	k all that apply)			Surface Soil Cracks (B6)				
X Surface Water (A1)			Water-Stained Leave	es (B9)		Drainage Patterns (B10)				
High Water Table (A2)			Aquatic Fauna (B13)			Moss Trim Lines (B16)				
X Saturation (A3)			Marl Deposits (B15)			Dry-Season Water Table (C2)				
X Water Marks (B1)			Hydrogen Sulfide Od	lor (C1)		Crayfish Burrows (C8)				
Sediment Deposits (B2)			Oxidized Rhizospher	es on Living	Roots (C3)	Saturation	Visible on Aerial	magery (C9)		
Drift Deposits (B3)			Presence of Reduced	d Iron (C4)		Stunted or	Stressed Plants (D1)		
Algal Mat or Crust (B4)			Recent Iron Reduction	on in Tilled So	oils (C6)	Geomorphi	c Position (D2)			
Iron Deposits (B5)			Thin Muck Surface (0	C7)		Shallow Ac	uitard (D3)			
Inundation Visible on Ae	rial Imagery (E	37)	Other (Explain in Rer	marks)		Microtopog	raphic Relief (D4)		
Sparsely Vegetated Con-	cave Surface	(B8)				FAC-Neutra	al Test (D5)			
Field Observations:										
Surface Water Present?			_ Depth (inches): <u>4 i</u>							
Water Table Present?	Yes	No	Depth (inches):							
Saturation Present?	Yes	No	Depth (inches):		Wetland H	ydrology Prese	ent? Yes X	No		
(includes capillary fringe) Describe Recorded Data (stre	2000 201120 00	onitorina	wall assist shotes are	viava inanaa	tions) if our	ilahlar				
Describe Recorded Data (site	eam gauge, m	ionitoring v	well, aerial priolos, pre	evious irispec	tions), ii avai	liable.				
Remarks:										
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Tree Stratum (Plot size: 35x30x55)	Absolute	Dominant Species?		Dominance Test worksheet:			
Red maple (Acer rubrum)	<u>1</u>		FAC	Number of Dominant Species			
(Not planted, overhanging branch from adjacent	forest.)	165	170	That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: (A)			
2	·			Total Number of Dominant			
3				Species Across All Strata: (B)			
4				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: (A/B)			
5				That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: (A/B)			
6				Prevalence Index worksheet:			
7				Total % Cover of: Multiply by:			
	1	= Total Cov	/er	OBL species x 1 =			
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 35x30x55)				FACW species x 2 =			
1. <u>(None)</u>				FAC species x 3 =			
2				FACU species x 4 =			
3				UPL species x 5 =			
4				Column Totals: (A) (B)			
5				Prevalence Index = B/A =			
6				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:			
7				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation			
		= Total Cov		2 - Dominance Test is >50%			
Harb Otrations (Plateines 00 00 00	-	= Total Cov	/ei	3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0¹			
Herb Stratum (Plot size:20x20x20) 1Barnyard grass (Echinochloa crus-galli)	40	Yes	FAC	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)			
			<u>FAC</u>	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)			
2. Common duckweed (Lemna minor)			OBL_	residentate rivatophytic vegetation (Explain)			
3. Broadleaved cattail (Typha latifolia)			OBL	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must			
4. Softrush (Juncus effusus)			OBL	be present, unless disturbed or problematic.			
	_ 1		<u>OBL</u>	Definitions of Vegetation Strata:			
6. <u>Devil's beggarticks (<i>Bidens frondosa</i>)</u>	1	<u>No</u>	FACW	Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter			
7				at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.			
8.				Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH			
9				and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.			
10				Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless			
11.				of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.			
12.				Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in			
	79	= Total Cov	/er	height.			
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)							
1. <u>None</u>							
2							
3				Hydrophytic Vegetation			
4				Present? Yes No			
December (Inches and Inches and I		= Total Cov	/er				
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate s No planted trees within the PEM Wetland in 2D	sneet.)						
No planted trees within the FEM Wetland in 20							

Sampling Point: 2D

SOIL Sampling Point: 2D Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) Redox Features Depth Matrix % Type¹ Loc² Texture (inches) ¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains. ²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix. **Hydric Soil Indicators:** Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³: Histosol (A1) Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR R, ___ 2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B) ___ Histic Epipedon (A2) ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R) MLRA 149B) ___ Black Histic (A3) Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR R, MLRA 149B) ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, R) __ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR K, L) ___ Dark Surface (S7) (LRR K, L) Stratified Layers (A5) Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L) Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) ___ Depleted Matrix (F3) _ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L) ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12) ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6) Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, R) ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7) ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) ___ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149B) ___ Redox Depressions (F8) ___ Mesic Spodic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149B) ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) ___ Sandy Redox (S5) ___ Red Parent Material (F21) Stripped Matrix (S6) Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) ___ Dark Surface (S7) (LRR R, MLRA 149B) Other (Explain in Remarks) ³Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic. Restrictive Layer (if observed): Type: _ Hydric Soil Present? Yes _ Depth (inches): _ Remarks: Soils not observed during the second monitoring year (2020).

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